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CHRISTMAS DINNER AT B. HALL

Fortunate is the fellow who has a home. More fortunate still is he who spends his holidays at home and partakes of good cheer and Christmas turkey beneath his own vine and fig tree. This piece of good fortune is especially appreciated by all denizens of B. Hall who for three months have looked forward with bright anticipations and capacious maws to the happy time when they would be permitted to feast once more on those delicious pies and things that mother alone can bake. Revolving such thoughts, the B. Hall boy, as soon as his last exam. was over, turned his back on this vain world, left toil and tough steak behind, and hied him home to kill the fatted calf or woo his lady-love beneath the festive mistletoe.

So the Hall soon became silent. No push and bustle by day; darkness held almost undisputed sway by night. Ever and anon some lonely straggler might be seen passing in or out, but he proceeded cautiously lest he wake the echoes or surprise a ghost in its nightly perambulations. The dining hall, so often the scene of life and cheer, was cold and dark and comfortless. It was as cheerless as the aforementioned straggler, who took a peep, turned away with a shiver, pulled his hat over his eyes, squandered his last dime in the neighboring chile joint, and bitterly thought of the morrow.

In the University is a man. Many men, for that matter, and some quite fair. But a gentleman of the old school, in whose heart is a warm place for every son and daughter of our alma mater, yea, and for every orphan of B. Hall. It was this man that now appeared upon the scene, that threw himself into the breach and saved the day for the onward march of civilization.

Judge Clark was host; we were all guests. A finer host or more willing guests may seldom be seen. The dining hall had been draped in orange and white. The dainty arrangement of tables and decorations gave unmistakable evidence of fairer hands, but, to our sorrow, the owners of them had vanished. But their ferns and flowers remained to grace the occasion, though candor compels us to say that there were other table decorations that received more marked attention.

At 2 o'clock sharp hostilities began. One meal a day for several days had prepared the way for a furious onslaught. Firing became general. The opposing forces were soon in full retreat. Much booty was taken. The line of march was strewn with bones left bleaching in the sun.

And they did all eat, and were filled; and Ananias took up the fragments that remained,—twelve baskets full.

Not only was there a feast; there was also a flow of soul. The gracious, inimitable host acted as toastmaster, and his sly humor, sparkling wit, and ever-ready stories were sandwiched in between every toast and made it good to be present on such an "auspicious occasion." Mr. Howard responded to the toast, "Our University." Mr. Huggins portrayed the beauties of "Athletics," and joined lustily in the nine rags for Huggins. Kent Gay, the irrepressible, told of "Lost Opportunities; or the Girl That Left Me Behind." Messrs. Allen and Potts responded to the subjects, "The University Girls" and "Life—Shall it be a Song or a Sermon?" Mr. Akazawa treated his hearers to an original poem, first in Japanese and then the English version. It was much appreciated.

Men never grow so old that they lose all interest in things pertaining to love. The registrar was called on and responded with a metrical version of a pretty story of a certain pair of youthful lovers, who outwitted their parents by kissing through an aperture in the partition wall. This pleasant diversion having been discovered and interfered with by their ever-watchful papas, they planned a secret meeting in a neighboring wood. Here divers accidents befell them, resulting in the loss of both their lives. The lion fared better.

This story finished, Mr. Lomax proposed a toast to Texas that seems worth repeating:

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With wealth in her soil, and gold in her mart,
With the sunbeams kissing her beautiful mouth,
She's the bride of the world; the queen of the South.

At 4:30 of the clock, after giving "Hullabaloo" and nine rags for Judge Clark, the convention sang "America" and adjourned to meet at the call of the president. It was good to be there.

A GUEST.

TEXAS ACADEMY OF SCIENCE NOTES.

The new president of the Academy of Science, Prof. J. C. Nagle of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, is an alumnus of the University. He studied here early in the 90's under Dr. Simonds.

The recent meeting of the Academy, held in Waco

the latter part of December, was very successful. There were two or three papers on that absorbing topic, petroleum. Dr. Simonds lectured on the subject. He discussed the composition, origin, and occurrence of oil. The lecture was heard with great pleasure by a large audience of scientists and citizens.

Professor Harrington of the A. and M. pointed out in his paper, which was read by Dr. Simonds, that asphalt is probably the most valuable product of the Jefferson County oil.

Professor Taylor's paper was on the Big Springs of the Edward Plateau, offering an explanation of their fluctuation in discharge.

There were several additions to the membership of the Academy, principally from Waco.

DR. GARRISON IN WASHINGTON.

Dr. Garrison has just returned from Washington, where he read a paper before the American Historical Association, in session there December 27th-31st. The paper was entitled "Southwestern History in the Southwest." It defines the field of Southwestern history, describes in a general way the abundant and almost virgin material contained in the various historical collections both in Texas and in Mexico, and explains what is being done in the exploitation of this field by the universities of Texas and California. In the meeting, which was attended by most of the foremost historians in the United States, the paper aroused much interest and favorable comment. It will be published in the Association's Report for 1901.

Dr. Garrison was chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, and was appointed for the ensuing year a member of the Historical Manuscripts Commission, which is charged with one of the most important of the association's undertakings.

On his return Dr. Garrison spent several days at his old home in Georgia.

RESOLUTIONS

Of the Athenaeum Literary Society on the death of Joe William Poindexter:

Whereas, the Almighty God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to take from our midst our friend and brother, Joe William Poindexter, who was a member of this society; and

Whereas, in his death we individually have sustained the loss of a true friend and the Athenaeum Society that of a faithful and honest worker.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we, as his personal friends and fellow workers in the society, greatly mourn his loss; and be it further

Resolved, that we, as members of the Athenaeum Society in society assembled, do hereby express our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and friends of our deceased member; and be it further

Resolved, that these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of the society, that a copy be mailed to the family of the deceased, that they be printed in The Texan and in the city papers.

Signed by the committee.

CHAS. W. RAMSDALL,
A. L. BURFORD,
Geo. B. RUSSELL.

THE CACTUS.

The Cactus board are beginning to push the work for this year's annual. Material of all kinds must be in by February 15th. The board earnestly desires contributions of a literary nature, drawings or artistic designs characteristic of college life, grinds, jokes, or any other material which may be useful in making up this Cactus. Elliott has been given the contract, and this insures the best of mechanical workmanship. Contributions which appear, therefore, will receive the best treatment at the hands of the printer or engraver, and such work will in nowise suffer from mutilation.

The annual should be truly representative of the college year, should embody the best of the student talent. Let every student, therefore, bestir himself during the next six weeks and submit his work to the board for its consideration. Matter may be handed to any member of the board.

SENIOR CLASS MEETING.

Meeting of the Senior class, history room, January 8, 2 p. m. The meeting is for election of officers. Important.

MUSIC LESSONS.

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FOREWORD.

As Bill Nye would say, Mr. Powell has been suc-
ceeded by his successor. In other words, we have suc-
ceeded to his place; now our hope is that we may suc-
ceed in his place.

We have come into a goodly heritage. Those of the
editorial staff we have been able to see we have asked
to continue. For the gratification of the readers of
The Texan we announce that they have consented to
do so, for the present, at least. The business managers,
Mr. Borden and Mr. Wright, are our friends of old.
As for ourselves, we set forth our intention of getting
all the work out of our colleagues possible, and of edit-
ing their productions after the most approved manner.
We appreciate the honor that is ours, and trust that,
with the collaboration of the students of the Univer-
sity, we may publish a Texan that will measure up fully
to the high standards maintained in the past.

Permit us to say that we have some clearly defined
ideas as to the proper mission of college newspapers.
For one thing, there is a fortune to be made out of
them by careful, businesslike managers, and then there
is a great deal of valuable experience to be derived from
them by the contributors thereto; but above all, it is
our opinion, though not original with us at all, that
college weeklies are published to be read, with all that
that implies. At any rate, that is one of the reasons
The Texan is published. We shall not undertake to
enumerate the good effects which may be expected to
follow when the primary object of such publications is
arrived at, nor attempt to point out the various phases
of the policy which would secure most satisfactorily
this general reading on the part of the students. We
content ourselves with saying that, rather than any
new departure in policy, there is needed only a more
generous co-operation on the part of the clear minds,
the open eyes, and the nimble wits of this University,
to bring it about that The Texan shall exert a most
salutary influence over every matriculate therein.

This is the scheme we shall ask the student body to
co-operate in: First, to record events, that is, make
The Texan a sort of chronicle; then, to describe the
actors in our academic life, that is, make The Texan
a sort of biography; so that the single issues may be
interesting, and the completed files a history of our col-
lege life for the months which open up 1902.

Along the line of the co-operation asked for, we have
a request or two to make of the students generally.
First, subscribe for The Texan. The management an-
nounce a rate of \$1 for the two terms remaining of
this college year. And when you have paid your sub-
scription, in order to get full value, set about to build
up your weekly by assisting the board of editors in put-
ting out a very fine paper. Finally, talk the paper up.
A proper modesty and a lively concern for tender con-
sciences forbid us asking the students to do any more
than bolster up The Texan as an institution and as
your paper. If you won't blow for us, we may resort
to a little breeziness on your own score.

Again, unless you lend us the prestige of your sup-
port, the editorial deliverances of The Texan, and the
opinions of the students in the Forum, will carry no
weight. We realize the responsibilities laid upon us
and the power placed in our hands. We shall stand
firmly by all that seems to us good, and shall oppose
all that is pernicious. We shall endeavor to emphasize
things essential, and to suggest wisely in new under-

takings. It shall be our privilege to lead the student
body in rejoicing over victories in debate and baseball,
and renown gained in scholarship. We ask for the
widest sympathy and the heartiest support. And now,
in conclusion, it is a fact, and bears repeating, that un-
less, in the first place, The Texan is read extensively,
and in the second place, the stand The Texan takes in
University affairs is inspired by the best and maturest
elements in the school, its influence will be empty, like
the east wind. We expect confidently to receive the
co-operation asked for.

The "we" and "our" used in the remarks that go
before are not merely editorial. They are plural, also.
With our other work and alone we should not under-
take the painful and joyful tasks that must fall to the
lot of an editor. But it is our good fortune to num-
ber among the students of the University of Texas
many friends and co-workers, and from them we shall draw
heavily. And our reward is to be, that when we shall
have finished our present work, the circle shall be en-
larged.

Dr. D. A. Penick, of the schools of Latin and Greek,
was married on Xmas day in Little Rock, Arkansas.
Elsewhere there is a notice of the ceremony taken from
the Little Rock papers. The Texan wishes Dr. and
Mrs. Penick many happy new years.

RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

Rolfe—The Princess; In Memoriam; Idylls of the
King; Enoch Arden; Tennyson's Select Poems.
Kent—The Princess.
Luce—Tennyson.
Dawson—A Study of the Princess.
Genung—In Memoriam.
Tainsh—A Study of Tennyson's Works.
Ritchie—Records of Tennyson, Ruskin, and Brown-
ing.
Davidson—Prolegomena to In Memoriam.
Gatty—A Key to In Memoriam.
Reed—Modern Eloquence.
Addresses and Proceedings of the N. E. A., 1901.
Flynt—Tramping With Tramps.
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Wheeler—Who Wrote It?
Handbook of Proverbs.
Matthews—Parts of Speech.
Abbott—The Rights of Man.
Calkins—Substitutes for the Saloon.
Boyesen—Goethe and Schiller.
Schaeffer—Thinking and Learning to Think.
Lowery—Spanish Settlements in the United States.
Thrasher—Tuskegee.
American Race Problem, Addresses.
Loti—The Story of a Child.
Conn—The Method of Evolution.
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Lakes—Geology of Colorado.
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Southwick—Elocution and Action.
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Pollock—Essays in Jurisprudence and Ethics.
Baldwin—Dictionary of Philosophy and Psychology.
Paulsen—Introduction to Philosophy.
Fichte—The Science of Ethics.
Webb—Railroad Construction.

THE RUSK.

The Rusk was called to order promptly at 7:30, Pres-
ident Cook in the chair. Roll call showed sixty-one
members present. R. F. Cook delivered an interesting
oration, after which we were honored by a few well
chosen remarks by Professor Shurter, in which he
pictured in a new light one of the peculiar effects of
too much "hair ile."

The house then adjourned to the different sections
to debate the question of labor unions and their bene-
fits to the laborer.

All sections reported very lively debates.
After reconvening, J. B. Hatchett was instructed to
draw on the treasurer for \$10 with which to pay for
printing our constitution and by-laws.

At about this juncture Joel Bond raised a big fuss
at not being allowed to carry out his part of the pro-
gram. By a weighty argument he established facts
which showed that sickness, absence from the city, and
imperative business had hindered his getting there
sooner. The house in its clemency turned again to
the head of literary program, and he rendered a decla-
mation which was as interesting as we could have ex-
pected from Bond.

The society then ordered that the preliminary con-
test set for the 11th inst. be postponed until the 18th.
That the Rusk has become the most prominent liter-
ary society in the University was clearly demonstrated
by the presence of Jeremiah Randolph, quiz master,
etc., etc. However, the Rusk in its delight at having
him present forgot to give him an opportunity to
make an address which we have learned since that he
took most of his holidays to prepare. The quiz mas-
ter could not pardon this oversight, so he left, and we
understand, took to the Athenaeum. But here also he
suffered disappointment. The Rusk desires to assure
Jerry that it was purely an oversight, and assures him
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LOCALS.

Miss Olivia Dancy is visiting friends in the Univer-
sity.

Will L. Barbee, LL. B. '00, was a recent visitor to
the city.

Blackstone grades are up. Some are further up than
others.

L. H. Kirk, of the medical department, was recently
in the city.

R. V. Solomon, of La Grange, has returned to take
up his studies.

Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Harper spent Xmas with friends
in Fort Worth.

Jim Wheeler, LL. B. '99, is down from Corsicana
for a day or so.

Jim Goldbeck is up and about again after several
days' confinement.

F. C. Beall, of Fort Worth, has returned to the Uni-
versity to resume work.

Miss Agnes Edwards, of San Antonio, has matricu-
lated since the holidays.

Said one of the boys on the 2d instant: "Let's
smoke one more and then quit."

Walter W. Woodson, LL. B. '01, is cashier of the
First National Bank of Mart, Texas.

It is reported in the corridor that John Lang Sinclair
has fallen heir to a fortune in six figures.

Jim Loving, of the medical department, is prolong-
ing his holiday by a visit to friends and relatives in
the city.

Ben Powell, business manager of the Cactus, is in
Galveston conferring with the Meds with reference to
the annual.

Dr. A. C. Ellis and wife have recently returned from
an extended stay in New York. Dr. Ellis will resume
his class work.

The class in New Testament Greek will recite Mon-
day, January 13, at 2 o'clock, in room 87, on the first
chapter of Luke.

J. H. Keen, of Floresville, has matriculated after
passing a very creditable examination, and has joined
the corridor corps.

Elmer Pope, accompanied by Ben Robertson, spent
the Christmas holidays on his ranch in Leon County.
They killed several deer and much small game.

We have at least one Nimrod in school. Have Mr.
H. L. Borden tell you of that fine buck and doe he
killed during the holidays. It's not a fish story.

Chemistry I is working nine hours in the laboratory
and attending three lectures each week. Dr. Schoch
doesn't care at all if his classes do a little extra work.

The Junior Laws held an orderly meeting the other
day, the first one of its kind this year. Joe Dibrell
was elected president, W. S. Moore, vice-president,
and J. J. Samuell, secretary.

The students from the Ball high school at Galves-
ton have been making fine records. Miss Bartholomew
made five times as many A's as B's, and Miller and
Sonenthal did almost as well. These fine records
speak well for the training received at the Ball high
school.

Drs. Phillips and Wheeler returned on Christmas day
from a month's expedition of exploration and discovery
in the far west, the former in the interest of the geo-
logical survey, the latter for a little rest and recreation
and incidentally to add to his biological laboratory.
Dr. Phillips reports active mining for silver and quick-
silver in Presidio and Brewster counties. One com-

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pany in Brewster County, with a small ten-ton furnace,
last year reduced about \$175,000 worth of the precious
liquid, while about \$700,000 worth of silver are annu-
ally produced in Presidio County. But it is a regular
wilderness; supplies have to be carried 100 miles from
the railroad.

From the Arkansas Gazette: Miss Chloe Hastings
and Mr. Daniel A. Penick were married at noon to-day
at the Second Presbyterian church. It was a beautiful
ceremony. The church was crowded and was most
beautifully decorated for the occasion. The ceremony
was performed by the pastor, Rev. Jasper K. Smith.
The attendants were as follows: Best man, Mr. Robert
Penick of Austin, Texas; dame of honor, Mrs.
Junkin, sister of the bride; bridesmaids, Miss Ethel
Thalheimer of Cincinnati, O., Miss Alexander of Searcy,
Miss Jennie Junkin of Fort Worth, Texas, and Miss
Jessie Rose of Little Rock; groomsmen, Mr. Robert
McNair of Little Rock, Mr. E. D. Junkin and Rev. Mr.
Southall of Austin and Mr. Geo. H. Lee of Little Rock.
Mr. and Mrs. Penick left on the afternoon Choctaw
train for their future home at Austin, Texas. Mr.
Penick is professor of Latin and Greek in the State
University at Austin, and his bride is the charming
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hastings of Little
Rock. The best wishes of a host of friends accompany
the happy couple.

THE DIAMOND RING CASE.

Joel Bond is the proud possessor of a rather gorgeous
"diamond" ring. A few days ago a somewhat dilap-
idated individual came to Huggins with a hard luck
tale. Huggins, of course, didn't have the dime; where-
upon the said individual showed him the aforemen-
tioned ring—at least half an inch wide and nearly as
thick—pure gold with a great, dazzling diamond. It
was a fifteen dollar ring but could be had for two and
a half. Huggins' heart melted at the tale of woe and
the sight of the ring, and went away one dollar poorer
in silver but richer far in gold and diamonds. Some-
how or other, however, Huggins couldn't come to an
agreement with the jeweler and so took the ring to

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Bond. Now it occurred to Joel that just such a
"flasher" would be the proper caper to enhance his
prestige with the lady of his love, and so Joel went away
two dollars poorer in silver but richer far in the bask-
ing sunshine of his lady's pleasure.

It is said that Mr. Nowlin and Mr. Flowers have
rings of a very similar description, but both of these
gentlemen are reticent on the matter.

GRACE HALL NOTES.

"Exams" is a tabooed subject now, belonging strictly
to the past,—for the next three months, at least; the
holidays have even fled, and New Year has begun with
everyone feeling as though a new lease on life had been
granted them. "Let the dead past bury its dead"
seems to be the general motto, and it has evidently been
well executed, to judge from the bright, merry faces
which form such a pleasant contrast to the gloomy ones
of two weeks ago. The girls have all returned now,—
each one bringing from home a store of things wonder-
fully adaptable to midnight feasts and lunches, even
fruit cake being so plentiful as to be considered a lux-
ury no longer; and, better still, a seemingly inex-
haustible supply of energy and cheerfulness with which
to overcome the troubles inevitably in store for us dur-
ing the coming year, though at present '02 seems so
bright as to preclude all thought of troubles.

Regular work is now in progress, and things would
seem just as before Xmas were it not that we miss two
familiar faces from our number and have welcomed
three new ones into our midst.

Miss Lois Lake has moved to Mrs. Flanagan's resi-
dence, while Miss Mary Hopkins, Emma Lake, and
Veda Meyer have just entered the Hall.

Miss Beulah Rowe has been forced to withdraw from
the University on account of ill health. Miss Rowe has
many friends in Austin and the University who will
miss her very much; but nowhere and by none will her
absence be more felt than at Grace Hall by those who
have been her daily companions during the past few
years.

MILLER S. KENT.

Unconventionality is the keynote of Clyde Fitch's
work in "The Cowboy and the Lady," which S. Miller
Kent will produce at the Hancock Opera House Thurs-
day, January 9. The cowboy in question comes from
the East, being a Harvard graduate. He dresses in
the height of fashion, and is derided as a dude by the
lady with whom he falls in love. Beneath his polished
appearance, however, is as brave and strong a nature
as that of any typical man of the plains, as circum-
stances soon bring to light, and Teddy North is greatly
beloved by his rough friends. Another unconventional
idea is having the heroine a married woman. Her hus-
band is weak and worthless, but the cowboy loves her
strongly and silently. Eventually the husband gets
killed while planning an elopement and the lovely wife
is freed, but before the cowboy can claim her the shadow
of suspicion falls on her and she is accused of
murdering her husband. The cowboy heroically as-
sumes the guilt, and is finally acquitted and the real
murderer is brought to light. The trial scene in a typ-
ical Western court affords Mr. Kent unusual oppor-
tunities for strong acting and he makes the most of
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THE ATHENAEUM.

The Athenaeum was greeted Saturday evening with a grateful scene of unusual whiteness; the walls of the society hall had been freshly kalsomined. There was also a picture mould in place. The society deeply appreciated this Christmas gift from the powers that be, and requested Mr. Whaling, Mr. Camp, and Mr. Bell to bear in person the whole society's thanks to the president. And then Professor Shurter had started the adornment of the bare walls, and the glorification of our victorious debaters, by having put in place two frames, in one of which there are photographs of Mr. Potts, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Dibrell and Mr. Moore.

Besides all this, some chairs that had seen much wear were recently recaned and repaired in sundry other points. For these many practical expressions of goodwill from those who control the pocketbook, we are sincerely thankful.

The date of the contest in Athenaeum preliminary to the debate for the Scarbrough prize is in some uncertainty. The contest will be held either Saturday the 11th, or Saturday the 18th, as the one or the other date better suits the convenience of the debaters. The long Christmas and New Year holidays gave time to those who are entered for debating honors to read extensively and carefully. They have all their data on hand, and now are busy fixing it up to tickle the fancy of the judges. This will be the finest contest the Athenaeum has seen in a good while. None but very strong men have entered, and the number of them is small. In addition, the question is a very pretty one and admits of much clever work in the pure science of debating. The preliminary debate will be held in the Athenaeum hall, and will begin shortly after 7:30. May you be there to see!

The regular weekly literary exercises of the society were cut short Saturday last by the unaccountable absence of some of the debaters. These absences are not an evil wholly unrelieved with any good, for our society will soon have a surplus that will rival on a small scale Uncle Sam's. That is to say, this evil is a cloud with a silver lining. But for the debaters that did appear, we have only praise. They had looked well into the subject, and presented an array of facts for the enlightenment of their hearers. The critic, who is "nothing, if not critical," made some remarks which are in substance that debaters in general (and especially in the Rusk) would do well to give some time after they had collected a mass of information to arranging it orderly and to embellishing it with illustrations.

A large number of the constitution and by-laws of the Athenaeum will be printed this week for the convenience of members. In this connection, we would say that if any one who is not a member desires to know the working principles and the aims of our society and will ask any of us for a copy of the constitution, he will be gladly provided.

Mr. Paul took the pledge of membership Saturday. When he was called on for a speech he said he would leave his happy home for the Athenaeum, or words to that effect. It was a "very pretty sentiment."

The fines the society imposes are having a fine effect. Every member every time he misses a meeting is assessed in a fine of 10 cents. Some of the members who don't come very often are called "members for revenue only." And when any member is appointed to declaim or to debate and fails to respond on the designated occasion, he forfeits a quarter. The result in both cases is just what the society desired. Attendance is fine and debating top notch.

The Athenaeum has a fine treasurer. He made a report Saturday that "read like fiction." Carnegie's capital would look like pocket-change in a treasury vault beside our "funds on hand." Burford will probably be secretary of the treasury some day if he keeps on and we ever get to be President.

The debate next Saturday is on tariff revision. On the affirmative are Foster, Golden, Bell, Roos, Burford; on the negative, Townes, Ludke, Borden, Taylor and Walshall.

Sam Mathews and Joe Dibrell are set for declamations.

FRESHMAN CLASS NOTES.

Characteristic of their well known promptness and punctuality, the Freshmen, we are informed by good authority, were all present to answer to the roll call last Friday.

They all report a good time Xmas, and, without an exception, announce themselves ready and anxious to begin work again.

It is not surprising to know that there is a superabundance of A's on the Freshmen reports (?).

There will be a meeting called for the early part of next week for the purpose of electing officers.

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Who ranks with the world's best readers, and is considered the best woman reader in this country, will appear in the University auditorium the afternoon of January 15, and the nights of January 15, and 16. Among other things she will interpret Edmond Rostand's poetic drama, L'Aiglon, that recently created a furor with Sara Bernhardt in the title role, and in the translation with Maudie Adams as "the eaglet." Mrs. Baker is presented primarily for the purpose of introducing this high grade entertainment to our students and friends, as well as for educational purposes.

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MADAME NORDICA.

Judging from the rapidity with which the students are purchasing tickets to the Nordica concert, January 17, they appreciate the greatness of the artist who is to entertain the Austin public on that occasion. She is undoubtedly the greatest vocalist that has ever visited Austin, and students now in attendance upon the University should make a desperate effort to hear her. They can say to the end of life that they have heard the best singer of the age—all this apart from the pure pleasure of hearing the best music rendered in the best way, and the education value of such lofty associations. Do not put off procuring your ticket, unless you wish to stand during the concert.

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